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SUBJ: KOREA IN UNGA: COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 217373

1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, CALLED SEPTEMBER 4 ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID (SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL PRESENT SINCE FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD'S DEPARTURE EARLIER SAME DAY FOR CAIRO ARAB LEAGUE MEETING) AND REQUESTED GOK CONSIDERATION OF CO-SOPNSORSHIP FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND LEAVING TEST OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. DRAWING EXTENSIVELY ON REFTEL, HE EMPHASIZED THAT CONTENTIOUS, CONFRONTATIONAL HOSTILE RES HAD FORCED USG AND 19 CO-SPONSORING COUNTRIES TO INTRODUCE OPPOSING RES WHICH WE CONSIDER BOTH REASONABLE AND TENDING TO ENCOURAGE SOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM THROUGH PEACEFUL DIALOGUE. AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RES BY ARAB COUNTRY MIGHT DISCOURAGE OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS FROM CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IF CO-SPONSORSHIP, WHICH WE HOPED GOK WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER, SHOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, AMBASSADOR URGED THAT GOK, WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND, IF POSSIBLE, ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

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2. AL-RASHID, AS EXPECTED, MADE NO UNDERTAKING, EITHER AS TO CO-SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT. HE SAID THAT GOK POSITION IS WELL KNOWN (I.E., TRYING TO MAINTAIN CAREFUL BALANCE BOTH IN THIRD WORLD GENERALLY AND AMONG ARAB STATES), THAT GOK STRONGLY DESIRES TO SEE CONFLICT OVER KOREA AVOIDED AND, AT UNGA, IS INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL STEPS IN THE DIRECTION OF PROMOTING PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

3. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTION WAS PRECISELY U.S. AIM AND OUR RESOLUTION WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE DIALOGUE NECESSARY TO MOVE TOWARD THAT GOAL.

4. AL-RASHID SHOWED A CERTAIN SYMPATHY FOR US POSITION WITHOUT INDICATING ANY COMMITMENT FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UP AND THAT HE WOULD DRAW THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HE WAS CERTAIN WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY. AL-RASHID ALSO ASKED THAT USUN KEEP IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH KUWAIT DEL ON THIS AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS AT UNGA.

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